



Special Procedures

Compliance Agreements for Compressed, Baled Cotton

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Introduction

USDA-APHIS-PPQ is currently updating a nationwide template for establishing compliance agreements with the cotton industry. Until the template has been revised, ACOs should contact Mike Ward at 301-734-5227.

Issuing a PPQ Form 577 for Baled Compressed Cotton

Cotton warehouses may be under a compliance agreement to conduct the phytosanitary inspection necessary to issue a phytosanitary certificate. Below are general guidelines on how to certify baled compressed cotton when the inspection is conducted by a warehouse under compliance.

1. Receive and review PPQ 572 from exporter or designated agent. The PPQ 572 must have the name of the warehouse that conducted the inspection, inspection results and the date of the inspection.
2. Verify that the warehouses listed on the PPQ 572 are currently listed on the cotton compliance agreement database. If not in the database, contact your ECS.
3. Verify that the number of bales that have been inspected is less than or equal to the number to be placed on the FPC.
4. Issue the FPC.
5. Retain all copies from compliant warehouses with file copy of Phytosanitary Certificate.

